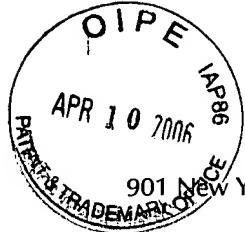


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**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2699

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In re Application of: )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of January 19, 2006. The item checked below are appropriate:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a \_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$\_\_\_\_ for the Extension is enclosed.

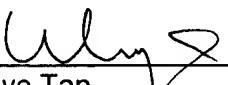
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	11	-	37	0	x \$ 50	\$ 0
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					Subtotal	\$ 800
					Reduction by 1/2 if small entity	- 0
					TOTAL	\$ 800

- A fee of \$800.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- A fee of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- A check for \$800.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: April 10, 2006

By:   
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2006, the period for response to which extends through April 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.